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1. The following rail shipments and rail movements were observed in Eberswalde:

21 March: 4 boxcars with 40 VP officers and 2 Soviet instructors passed through the railroad station toward Eggesin from the direction of Halle.

23 March: 1 train with trucks and artillery pieces passed through the railroad station toward Bernau from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder; infantry troops were loaded onto an undetermined number of boxcars and trucks

onto 10 flatcars:

trucks

and rocket launchers

were loaded for shipment to Lieberose; 1 troop train passed through the railroad station from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder toward Neustrelitz.

25 March: 1 troop train of 4 boxcars and 6 flatcars with 3 x 37-mm AA guns and trucks

passed through the railroad station toward Finow from the direction of Justerbog.

26 March: the train with trucks and rocket launchers which had been loaded on 23 March were unloaded again.

27 March: 3 boxcars with 40 VP men passed through the railroad station toward Pasewalk from the direction of Dobriluk.

2. On 24 March, 4 x 122-mm field howitzers with prime movers

were unloaded at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station and moved to the Feldzeugmeister Kaserne.

On 30 March, 4 x 37-mm AA guns, and 5 trucks were unloaded at the Altstadt railroad station and moved toward Neuendorf, to the southwestern sector of Arado airfield.

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3. At about 7 p.m. on 19 March, 1 train was seen on Eisenbahnbruecke in Magdeburg, en route toward Buckau. At about 3 p.m. on 20 March, 1 train with about 35 trucks, 1 sedan, 12 rocket launchers [redacted] on an undetermined number of flatcars and troops on about 15 boxcars moved along the Eisenbahnbruecke toward Buckau. ³ At about 9 p.m. on 20 March, a column of about 35 trucks, 7 x 76-mm field guns, and 7 x 122-mm field howitzers moved along Nordbruecke toward an easterly direction. Intensive training activity was observed on Auf dem Anger on 16 and 18 March.
4. From 17 to 27 March, soldiers were engaged in service of the piece drill on four AA guns of 37-mm, 76-mm, 85-mm and more than 85-mm in the yard of the Flak Kaserne in Magdeburg almost daily. On 20 March, eight trucks towing guns of more than 85-mm [redacted] left the installation and, apparently, did not return. A large number of vehicles left the Zuckerbusch Kaserne and Seeckt Kaserne for the area of Wilhelm Pieck Bruecke where an emergency bridge was under construction. Soldiers and 76-mm AA guns and 120-mm mortars left the Nachrichten Kaserne almost daily during the period under review. On 18 March T-44 tank [redacted] was loaded in Magdeburg Friedrichstadt. On 25 March, about 300 soldiers practiced marching in the yard of the Nachrichten Kaserne. On 18 March, T-34 tanks [redacted] which had come from the direction of Koenigsborn were detained in Magdeburg-Friedrichstadt. ⁴
5. At 10 p.m. on 29 March, a train consisting of about 15 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying about 10 trucks [redacted] 1 kitchen truck; 6 caterpillar tractors; and 6 x 122-mm field guns was observed passing through Biederitz and proceeding toward Altengrabow. ³
1. Comment. The shipment observed on 21 March was probably previously observed [redacted] passing through the Seddin railroad station. [redacted] units of the artillery regiment of KVPD Prenzlau were moving from Kirchmoeser to Torgelow. The shipment on 23 March to Bernau was previously seen [redacted] passing through Satzkuern. Units of the 120th (?) AAA Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div probably returned from Jueterbog. [redacted] the infantrymen entrained on 23 March belonged to units of the 63d AAA Div [redacted] which, according to other information, were transferred to Jueterbog. The units of the 312th Gds RL Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army which had previously been reported entrained were erroneously believed bound for Jueterbog. [redacted] They were confirmed returned on 26 March. [redacted] the train observed on 25 March carried an air force AAA unit and was possibly observed [redacted] passing through Oranienburg for Eberswalde-Finow on 24 March.
2. Comment. The guns unloaded on 24 March probably were 122-mm field howitzers of the 124th Hv How Arty Brig [redacted] which returned from Altengrabow on that day. [redacted] The motor vehicle [redacted] observed with the unloading or AAA belongs to the 25th Tank Div. It is believed, however, that the guns were of the 63th Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div.

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3. Comment. [redacted] the rocket launcher shipment on 20 March probably included units of the 94th RL Regt of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps. The shipment probably went from Altengrabow to Leipzig. [redacted] an artillery unit of the Third Shock Army which probably moved to Altengrabow.
4. Comment. The occupation of the installations mentioned apparently remained unchanged as compared with the last report [redacted]. The tanks entrained and unloaded on 18 March probably were repair tanks which, according to [redacted] belong to the 19th Gds Mecz Div.

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